

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**VEHICLE TAMPERING PROTECTION SYSTEM**

the specification of which:

  X   is attached hereto.  
       was filed on    as United States Patent Application Number    and was amended on        (if applicable).  
       was filed on    as PCT International Application Number    and was amended on    (if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56. Under that section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and (1) it establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim; or (2) it refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in: (i) opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or (ii) asserting an argument of patentability.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below. I have also identified below any corresponding foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any corresponding PCT international application(s) having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Number	Country	Filing Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Priority Claimed (Yes or No)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

United States Provisional Application(s)

Application Number	Filing Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
60/332,934	11/06/2001

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States, listed below. Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

United States Application(s) Upon Which Priority is Claimed

Application Number	Filing Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Status (abandoned, pending, patent number)

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s), all of whom are associated with Watts, Hoffmann, Fisher & Heinke Co., L.P.A., having offices at 1100 Superior Avenue East, Suite 1750, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2518, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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and I hereby designate the foregoing William A. Johnston, Reg. No. 47,687, principal attorney.

This appointment shall include all power to prosecute and transact all business relating to all applications corresponding to this application in all countries, including all regional and international patent offices, such as, but not limited to, the European Patent Office and all offices and bureaus established in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

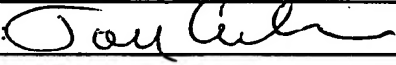
I hereby further designate and appoint any officer of Watts, Hoffmann, Fisher & Heink Co., L.P.A. my attorney in fact with full power of substitution and revocation, including power to designate a substitute principal attorney.

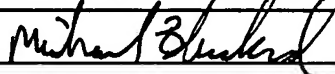
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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XIV. POWER OF ATTORNEY

The power of attorney in the prior application is to William A. Johnston,  
Reg. No. 47,687.

☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

☐ The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ A new power of attorney is forthcoming.

XV. MAINTENANCE OF COPENDENCY OF PRIOR APPLICATION

(must be completed and the necessary papers filed in the prior application if the period set in the prior application has run)

☐ A petition and fee are enclosed.

XVI. CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN PRIOR APPLICATION

☒ No Petition for extension of time is believed to be required. However, this is a conditional petition for extension of time for the pending prior application in the event that the need for an extension of time has been inadvertently overlooked in the prior application.

XVII. ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION

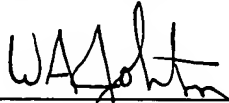
☐ Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending or when the petition for extension of time or petition to revive in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application copending with said prior application. At the same time please add the words ", now abandoned" to the end of the sentence amending the specification in XII above.

XVIII. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

☐ Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement.

XIX. Petition to Withdraw from Issue

☐ A Petition to withdraw the prior application from issue is being filed concurrently herewith for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed hereby in connection with the new CIP application.



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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:  William A. Johnston WATTS, HOFFMANN, FISHER & HEINKE CO., L.P.A. 1100 Superior Avenue, Ste. 1750 Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2518	6. Total number of applications and patents involved: <u>1</u>  7. Total fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.21(h), 3.41): <u>\$ 40.00</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included with application. <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any fee deficiencies under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h) to our deposit account.  8. Deposit account number: <u>23-0630</u>

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*To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.*

William A. Johnston, Esq. (Reg. No. 47,687)

Name of Person Signing

Signature

January 9, 2002

Date

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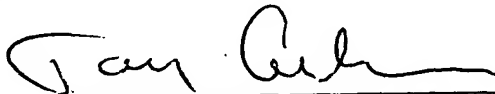
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IN CONSIDERATION of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Tommy Gustavsson, Michael Blackard, John Bate, and Brian Kidd, citizen of Sweden, U.S.A, U.S.A and U.S.A, and residing at 1603 Dedham Court, Greensboro, North Carolina 27407, 285 Victoria Circle, Madison, North Carolina 27025, 4547 Peebles Road, Oak Ridge, North Carolina 27310 and 4 Friends Meadow Drive, Apt. D, Greensboro, North Carolina 27410, do hereby sell, transfer, set over and assign unto Volvo Trucks North America, Inc., a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at 7900 National Service Road, PO Box 26115, Greensboro, North Carolina, 27402-6115 respectively, its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention entitled VEHICLE TAMPERING PROTECTION SYSTEM, invented by us and the application for United States patent therefor, executed concurrently herewith, and all original and reissued patents granted therefor, and all divisions and continuations thereof, including the subjects-matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in every such patent, and the right to apply for and obtain patents in countries foreign to the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon in such foreign countries, and authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue the said Letters Patent to the said Stride Tool, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, as assignee and owner of the said entire interest, and covenant that we have full right to convey said entire interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and agree that

We will communicate to said Volvo Trucks North America, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, all facts known to us respecting said invention, whenever requested, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute and deliver all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the application for such divisional, continuing or reissue applications, or the procuring thereof, and that if and when said Volvo Trucks North America, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives desire to file a disclaimer relating thereto, we will upon request, sign and deliver all lawful papers requisite for the filing of such disclaimer, and

We further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, do everything legally possible to aid said Volvo Trucks North America, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, either in its or our own name, to apply for, obtain and enforce proper patent protection in all countries, including priority rights granted to patents in foreign countries according to all the laws and treaties in force, all without further consideration but at the expense of said Volvo Trucks North America, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives.



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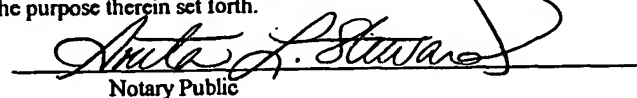


BRIAN KIDD

State of North Carolina,

County of Guilford,

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 before me personally came the above named Tommy Gustavsson, Michael Blackard, John Bate and Brian Kidd to me personally known as the individuals who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

  
Notary Public